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Construction to close Harvey Street in Plymouth

The next few weeks may prove unpleasant for Plymouth motorists who regularly use Harvey Street between Penniman Avenue and Ann Arbor Trail.

A reconstruction project including underground water main replacement, reconstruction of the three lanes of the roadway with new curbs and the upgrade of some storm sewer and sanitary sewer sections beneath the roadway began on Monday. The project includes the installation of sidewalks on both sides of Harvey to comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act. New traffic signal mast arms will also be installed at the intersection, although that project could be delayed until next year, officials said.

The work, according to a representative from Wade Trim, the firm overseeing the project for the City of Plymouth,was scheduled to begin Monday and should be concluded, weather permitting, by the end of October or early November. Factors in addition to weather will include the availability of material in light of the delays in shipping and manufacture caused by the COVID pandemic. Subcontractors schedules could also impact the work, noted Project Manager Shawn Keogh during an outdoor meeting scheduled by the city this week.

Residents in the area will be affected for about seven to 10 days when new curbs and gutters are installed, but access to residential driveways should otherwise be maintained throughout the project, Keogh said. He added that advance notice of any interruption or access would be provided to residents.

Keogh cautioned residents in the area, pedestrians and motorists, to exercise caution during the construction which will include heavy equipment and machinery. He said signs would be erected during the project urging caution and warning motorists and pedestrians of the hazards.

The Harvey Street entrance and exit to the parking structure will be temporarily moved to Ann Arbor Trail as construction takes place in that area. The parking deck will remain open.

Downtown Development Director Tony Bruscato said that parking had been leased at the Christian Science Church on Ann Arbor Trail just west of Harvey Street for the use of residents and visitors during the project.

The cost of the project is shared between the city and the Downtown Development Authority, Bruscato said.

More information is available from the Department of Municipal Services (734-453-7737). Specific questions regarding deliveries, access or progress of the construction project can also be addressed by calling the number above. Information can also be accessed at www.plymouth-mi.gov/roadconstruction, officials said.

"The construction will be somewhat like the Fleet Street project several years ago. It will be highly inconvenient at times, but we are working to make it as palatable as possible. In the end, the DDA District will have a newly constructed street," Bruscato said in a prepared statement.

Access to the post office will be from Ann Arbor Trail during the project.

Big wheels

The Police and Community Together (PACT) bike ride and picnic sponsored by the Romulus Police Department drew a crowd of bikers of all ages recently when officers and residents joined up for a 1.5 mile ride through the community. The riders ended at a local park where officers grilled hot dogs and other treats and the riders, and others, enjoyed an afternoon picnic.

Sumpter trustees name township administrator

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees promoted Michelle Cole to the job of township administrator during their regular meeting last week.

Cole, currently the finance director and deputy supervisor for the township, will continue at her current $93,000 annual salary and will receive no raise for taking on the new title.

Members of the board praised Cole's work and her efforts on behalf of the township and noted that she currently is performing the duties of an administrator without the title.

Trustee Matt Oddy said that he agreed with the decision.

"Elected officials come and go," he said. "We need someone in a position that transcends elections, somebody in place who has the knowledge to run the township. I think this protects the residents," he said.

> *"This move will stabilize the township and stabilize the knowledge base. I think this is a positive move."*

Oddy noted, "It is extremely costly to lose a knowledge base. We've seen that in our treasurer's office where we have to spend money on training. This move will stabilize the township and stabilize the knowledge base.

"I think this is a positive move."

In response to a question from Trustee Don LaPorte, township attorney Rob Young explained that the move would require Cole as the township administrator to work at the pleasure of the entire board.

"It seems she has been doing that for quite awhile. She handles issues from nearly every department every day. It is a good idea to have one person at the helm and responsible. She's been doing the job and is willing to keep doing it," Young explained.

LaPorte explained that he has had conversations with Cole and "she cares very deeply about the township.

"I was surprised at how much she is willing to do and does. I think the township needs a point person at township hall," he said.

Trustee Peggy Morgan cast the only no vote on the change in title for Cole with Clerk Esther Hurst excused from the meeting.

Cole was hired as the township finance director in August of 2019. At that time, she had 20 years of progressive municipal finance experience, starting with Plante Moran and moving on to division finance officer for the Genesee County Water Authority in Flint; she served as the workforce management consultant for KRONOS; a regional territory manager for New World Systems, Troy; chief financial officer for Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority and as consultant from 2012 until 2019.

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Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously supported three promotions in the township fire department during their most recent meeting.

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THE CANTON EAGLE
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Army veteran Carson Middlebrook and his family stayed warm and dry in his Canton Township home after a needed new roof was donated and installed.

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THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR
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The Inkster Police celebration of National Night Out brought out local residents of all ages to enjoy multiple attractions including a wild animal show.

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THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
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City of Northville Department of Public Works officials plan to begin the Cross Connection Control Program for residents this fall.

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THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE
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The traditional Plymouth Fall Festival will return Sept. 10, 11 and 12 and tickets are now on sale for the famous Rotary Club Chicken Barbeque dinners.

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THE ROMULUS ROMAN
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Another step out of the shadow of the COVID pandemic is planned in Romulus with the 23rd Annual Pumpkin Festival set for Sept. 17, 18 and 19 this year.

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THE WAYNE EAGLE
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The City of Wayne was recently awarded more than $550,000 in federal funding for the rehabilitation of the Goudy Park Amphitheater.

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THE WESTLAND EAGLE
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Zoning in Westland is about to get a serious upgrade as a Wade Trim comprehensive rewrite and update of the city zoning ordinance has been approved by city council.

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Romulus

Romulus Pumpkin Festival returns in September

Another step out of the shadow of the COVID pandemic is planned in Romulus with the 23rd Annual Pumpkin Festival set for Sept. 17, 18 and 19 this year.

The festival is a three-day event that traditionally begins the third Friday in September with the Rotary Club Parade of Lights, where everything is aglow, from bicycles to cement trucks. Thousands of people line Goddard Road to view the parade, organizers said. This year, as always, there is no fee to enter the parade, although preregistration is required. All entries must be decorated with working lights, "the more the better" according to Rotary Club members.

The street festival offers music, food, crafts, and games for all ages, explained Merrie Dryor, director of activities and TIFA for the Romulus Downtown Development Authority. The Pumpkin Festival also includes a Classic Car Show, a Craft and Vendor Show and live music, along with other events, games and activities.

In addition, there are advance contests for Pie Baking and Canning. Those entries are due at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins St, by 2 p.m. Sept. 9 Winners for each of these contests, judged by Romulus senior citizens, will have their names displayed at the festival and on Facebook. All pie entries must be homemade and must be pumpkin, sweet potato, peach or apple. Canning entries accepted this year will be only tomatoes, green beans, pickles and fruit.

Entries in the digital photo contests are due no later than Sept. 10 and include Cutest Baby entries, Cutest Pet photos and Best Decorated Mini Pumpkin. Winners in these contests will win a prize but only one submission per person is allowed in each contest. The public will vote on the winners on the city Facebook page the week of Sept. 13. . Digital photo entries can be submitted to the Facebook page @DowntownRomulus or emailed to cbradley@romulusgov.com. For information on submission, call (734) 942-7545.

"Our downtown Festival is a celebration of friends and family; a harvest celebration that generates an enthusiastic spirit and regenerates our sense of community," Dryor said.

The festival will take place at the Romulus Historical Park located at 11147 Hunt St. and in downtown Romulus along Goddard Road.

Entries into the Parade of Lights are already being accepted. There will be six categories this year for parade honors: Commercial, Motorized, Non-motorized (people or animal powered), Classic Cars, Live Music and Schools. The parade line up will begin on Goddard Road, west of Wayne Road this year and the parade will begin a 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17.

For an application and a complete set of rules, visit facebook.com/Romulus Rotary.

Volunteers are needed, vendor applications are being submitted and donations are being accepted to ensure the event will be a success this year. For questions or more information, call the Pumpkin Festival Hotline at (734) 955-4577.

The Pumpkin Festival Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at city hall council chambers located at 11111 Wayne Road.

Sumpter Township
Special Board Meeting
Friday, August 6, 2021, 8:00 a.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 8:00 am. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy and Rush. Clerk E. Hurst and Trustees; LaPorte and Morgan excused. Also showing present: Deputy Supervisor O'Connell and no attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy and Rush. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments: None.

5. New Business:

A. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to reinstate, effective immediately, Virtual ZOOM-based use for all Sumpter Township Hall Meetings until further notice or the expiration of the Wayne County Emergency Declaration, December 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy and Rush. Nay: None. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to reinstate the Sumpter Township COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy and Rush. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to adjourn at 8:06 am. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by,
Elle O'Connell, Deputy Supervisor
Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM ORDINANCE FOR SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
ORDINANCE NO. 73

THE PEOPLE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER HEREBY ORDAIN:

Sec. 1 Purpose.

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Ordinance No. 66 Art. XI Sec. 5 No. 73by providing that any and all payments for delinquent water and sewage billings shall be accepted by the Sumpter Township Treasurer in either cash, certified bank note, cashier's check or by credit card, so long as the same is in proper form and properly executed as determined by the Township Treasurer.

Sec. 2. Conflict.

Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed in such a manner as to conflict with the existing Sumpter Township Ordinances except as otherwise stated herein.

Sec. 3. Adoption of the Amended Section 25-185. Lien, discontinuance of water to read as follows:

Division 10- Rates and Charges.

Sec. 25-185. - Liens, discontinuance of water.

(c) Payment. Payments for delinquent utility bills or water service restoration fees shall only be in the form of cash, certified bank note, cashier's check or by credit card, so long as the same is in proper form and properly executed as determined by the Township Treasurer. Personal checks or unsecured tender shall not be accepted. A fee of fifty dollars ($50.00) or all charges assessed by the Township's bank, whichever is less, shall be charged for all checks used to pay water or sewer billings that are returned due to insufficient funds. Persons who have been found to have attempted to pay their water or sewer billings with insufficient fund checks, shall in future, be required to pay all billings with cash, certified bank note, cashier's check or by credit card, so long as the same is in proper form and properly executed as determined by the Township Treasurer.

Sec. 4 Savings Clause and Severability.

The various parts, sentences, paragraphs, sections and clauses of this partially Amended Ordinance section is hereby declared to be severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section,or clause of this amendment is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court or administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, the unconstitutionality or invalidity shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of any remaining provisions of this ordinance.

Sec. 5 Repealer.

All ordinance or parts of ordinances of the Township of Sumpter in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Sec. 6 Adoption.

A First Reading of this Ordinance is hereby declared to have been approved by the Township Board of the Township of Sumpter, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a meeting, called and held on the 13th day of July, 2021.

Sec. 7 Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately, thirty (30) days following a second reading and publication.

Sec. 8 Publication.

This ordinance shall be directed by the Township Clerk to record in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk, and shall be published once in the Township newspaper of record within ten (10) days after its passage.

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Esther Hurst, Clerk
Sumpter Township Sumpter Township

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached constitutes a true and complete copy of Ordinance No. 73 the first reading being approved on July 13th, 2021 and the second reading being approved by the Township Board of the Township of Sumpter, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a Regular Township Board Meeting on the 10th day of August, 2021.

I further certify that Board Trustee Oddy moved for the adoption of said Ordinance and that Board Trustee Rush supported said motion. I further certify that the Roll Call Vote of said Ordinance was;

Yay; Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren, Trustees; Oddy, Morgan, LaPorte and Rush.
Nay; None.
Excused; Clerk E. Hurst

I further certify that the said Ordinance has been directed to be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Township and such recording has been authenticated by the signatures of the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk.

_____
Esther Hurst, Clerk

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Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 27, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor T. Bowman at 7:27 pm. Roll call: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Clerk E. Hurst and Trustee LaPorte excused. Also showing present: Deputy Clerk Burdick, Deputy Supervisor O'Connell, Public Safety Director/ Chief of Police Luke, Fire Chief Brown and 19 attendees.

3. Agenda: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve the Agenda with the following edits;
REMOVE: 13. New Business, Agenda Item A
ADD: 13. New Business, Agenda Item L
Consider approval to accept the resignation, with regrets, of police officer Patrick Dervishi, effective 7/26/2021.
ADD: 13. New Business, Agenda Item M
Consider approval to direct the Township's Attorney to submit the Right of Refusal no later than July 28th, 2021 to Wayne County that identifies (1) Property on Sumpter Road, $7,800.00 purchase, that Sumpter Township will resell to a bordering parcel owner currently land-locked by subject property, contingent on a full, nonrefundable burden cost deposit by the bordering parcel property.
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments: Four (4) Attendees spoke.

5. Minutes:
Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the following Board Meeting Minutes;
• Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2021.
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to accept the following Committee Minutes;
• HR Committee Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2021.
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Rush, Morgan and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.

6. Warrants:
Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve the warrants total of $415,015.90. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Morgan, Rush and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report - Rush:
• Trustee Rush reported that for the (4) consecutive time, Quorum was not met and the meeting was cancelled. Issue dispositions are outstanding and a full meeting has not been held in over a year. Trustee Rush requested consideration for a reduction in the Active Membership, and subsequent Quorum, necessary to conduct Commission meetings.
Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve the Parks & Recreation modifications for a 30-day period to assist the Commission in achieving business and meeting demands. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chambers Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
8. Receive & File;
Motion by Oddy, supported by Morgan to approve to receive and file the following reports;
• Water & Sewer Report - Bowman:
• Planning & Zoning Report - Oddy:
• Senior Report - Hurst:
Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

11. Treasurer's Report - Warren:
Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor
T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

12. Board Response: None.

13. New Business:
B. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to approve to hire Bela Maroti as a paid-on-call firefighter, contingent on his passing a physical and drug test. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor
T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
*Introduction of new Firefighter Bela Maroti to the Board and attendees.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to hire Taylor Smith as a paid-on-call firefighter, contingent on her passing a physical and drug test. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor
T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Rush, Morgan and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.
* Introduction of new Firefighter Taylor Smith to the Board and attendees.

D. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve to purchase sixteen (16) Kenwood VP6430 portable radios for the police department from Digicom Global at total cost of $34,436.00, with the full cost covered by forfeiture funds. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Morgan, Oddy and Rush. Nay: None. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to approve to hire Jeffrey James Benedict as a full-time police officer on the condition he passes a physical, drug screening and psychological evaluation. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.
*Introduction of new Police Officer Jeffrey James Benedict to the Board and attendees.

F. Motion by Morgan, supported by Oddy to approve to replace 2008 lawn mower with the exact replica 25 HP Kohler Command Pro with EFI with 60 in turbo force deck (5000) at the cost of
$10,493.23; partially included in budget for $8,500.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Rush, Morgan and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to replace one of (6) trucks with DPW for
$33,994.52 and was included in the budget for the year. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Morgan, Oddy and Rush. Nay: None. Motion carried.

H. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve of Supervisor's recommendation to appoint Daniel Watson as Planning Commission member. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

I. Motion by Morgan, supported by Rush to approve to recognize and modify the current ordinance for the Sumpter Township Planning Commission membership at a total of (7) members, effective August 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Rush, Morgan and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.

J. Motion by Rush, supported by Oddy to approve to set the Board of Trustees' compensation (last set in 2002), as per the attached schedule, effective upon approval and Resolution #(s) 2021-11, 2021-12, 2021-13 & 2021-14. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer

V. Warren; Trustees: Morgan, Oddy and Rush. Nay: None. Motion carried.

K. Motion by Rush, supported by Morgan to TABLE until September 7th, 2021 the approval of BioAir System to remediate odor at corner of Sumpter Rd and Willis Rd for $85,100.00. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Oddy, Rush and Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried.

L. Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to approve to accept the resignation, with regrets, of police officer Patrick Dervishi, effective 7/26/2021. Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Rush, Morgan and Oddy. Nay: None. Motion carried.

M. Motion by Rush, supported by Bowman to approve to direct the Township's Attorney to submit the Right of Refusal no later than July 28th, 2021 to Wayne County that identifies (1) Property on Sumpter Road, $7,800.00 purchase, that Sumpter Township will resell to a bordering parcel owner currently land-locked by subject property, contingent on a full, nonrefundable burden cost deposit by the bordering parcel property.
Roll call vote: Yes: Supervisor T. Bowman, Treasurer V. Warren; Trustees: Morgan, Oddy and Rush. Nay: None. Motion carried.

14. Announcements: None.

15. Adjournment: Motion by Oddy, supported by Rush to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;
Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk Sumpter Township

_____ _____
Esther Hurst, Clerk Date

_____ _____
Timothy Bowman, Supervisor Date

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CANTON

High and dry

Groups donate new roof to township veteran

Army veteran Carson Middlebrook and his family stayed warm and dry in his Canton Township home during the recent rainstorms that pummeled the area.

Just in time to avoid the heavy downpours, Tittle Brothers Construction in partnership with Habitat for Humanity installed a roof at Middlebrook's home on Aug. 6.

The repair was part of the Owen Corning National Roof Deployment Project that offers new roofs to service members in need. Candidates for the program are selected by Habitat For Humanity and the program includes veterans of all military service organizations.

Home owner and U.S. Army paramedic Middlebrook, who served multiple deployments to Iraq during his 14-year military career, also served tours of duty in Korea, Germany, Ireland "and a lot of places in between." He said he applied for the program because his roof was leaking and in serious need of repair. He said Dr. Lynn Phillips, CEO of the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers Fund told him about the program and suggested that he apply for help. After a representative came to visit the Canton Township home, Middlebrook's property was determined to be a strong candidate for the program.

Middlebrook said his home really needed the new roof as there had been leaks with the recent storms. He said the entire situation demonstrated how many people there are who are willing to help.

The cost of the roof materials and labor for Middlebrook's home and garage was estimated at about $13,000 and it is expected to last about 50 years. The Roof Deployment Project has helped nearly 300 military families in 14 states, officials said. For more information on the Roof Deployment Project, or to learn more about how to get involved, email roofdeployment@owenscorning.com. More information on Tittle Brothers Construction and Habitat for Humanity can be found on their official websites.

Attention

The Salvation Army Plymouth Corps Community Center received new leaders recently with the assignment of Majors Kris and Mary Ann Wood who will be responsible for the pastoral ministry, programming, operations and social services in Plymouth, Canton, Belleville and Northville. Most recently, the Woods served as corps officers of The Salvation Army Washtenaw County Corps. Kris Wood received a bachelor of arts in sociology from University of Detroit in Detroit while his wife earned her bachelor of arts degree in French from Alma College. The Woods have been Salvation Army officers for 27 years and are residents of Canton Township.

Onward

Free Movie in the Park planned in Canton Aug. 28

Like a blast from the past, Canton Leisure Services will host a free Movie in the Park, on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Heritage Park Amphitheater.

The fun is set to begin at 6 p.m. with outdoor entertainment and the movie, fan-favorite Onward, will be shown at dusk.

> *The fun is set to begin at 6 p.m. with outdoor entertainment.*

The Heritage Park Amphitheater is located directly behind the Canton Township Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. While the event is free to attend, pre-registration is required. Sign up today at www.cantonfun.org. Dinner options, as well as summer concessions, will also be available for purchase, while supplies last.

Onward (Rated PG) is a popular Disney PIXAR animated film that features the voices of Tom Holland, Chris Pratt, Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Octavia Spencer, and others as it tells the story of two teenage elf brothers, Ian and Barley Lightfoot, who go on a journey to discover if there is still a little magic left out there in order to spend one last day with their father, who died when they were too young to remember him. Their journey is filled with magic spells, cryptic maps, impossible obstacles and unimaginable discoveries. The movie run time is 1-hour and 42-minutes.

The free family movie night is open to the public but pre-registration is required at www.cantonfun.org For the best seating, movie-goers are encouraged to arrive early and bring a blanket or comfortable low-back chair, as well as bug spray.

For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5460.

State legislator reports on Lansing at board of trustees' meeting

Julie Brown
Special Writer

State Rep. Matt Koleszar, who represents both Canton Township and the city and township of Plymouth, knows big box stores don't do Canton any favors.

"I do recognize this is a major problem, specifically for Canton," the Democrat said at the Aug. 10 Canton Board of Trustees meeting.

Koleszar noted a court case before the Michigan Court of Appeals involving Escanaba and big box stores like The Home Depot. Too often, he told township trustees, those stores don't pay their fair share of property taxes.

He had good news on the budget allocation in state aid for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. "A really good budget for Plymouth-Canton Schools," the legislator said, noting additional eligibility for pre-K services.

Issues with students returning to the classroom in the pandemic also were addressed by the Legislature, Koleszar added. Currently, that decision is in the hands of local district officials, he noted. That could change, dependent on the severity of the COVID Delta variant infection rate.

He told the trustees that the state general budget beyond school aid is "going to be hashed out in September."

In other business, Sam Caramagno of GFL returned to address the board of trustees' concerns about residents' complaints regarding trash not being picked up in a timely manner. He again referenced a tight labor market.

"We've got a dozen people (hires) in the pipeline. We're happy on that," said Caramagno, adding yard waste can be dropped off at the yard on Van Born as well as the Salem Township landfill.

The (248) 204-6757 phone number is the direct line to the call center for Canton, Caramagno said. "We'll try to get that staffed on Saturday mornings," in addition to the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekday call center hours.

> *He had good news on the budget allocation in state aid for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.*

Director of Municipal Services Jade Smith told Trustee Kate Borninski when she asked the information is compiled and forwarded to GFL.

During the public comments part of the meeting, a resident expressed concerns about air show noise at Willow Run Airport recently. It's harmful to pets, he said.

Canton Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak said formal complaints have been filed with Willow Run Airport about that noise which shook windows as The Blue Angels and others practiced and performed for the annual air show.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 2, 2021 for the following:

PROVISION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS - REPROPOSAL

Proposal may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 21/22-02 34th District Court - Employee Parking Lot Security Gate

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for the installation of a 26" wide, commercial grade, aluminum cantilever, single entry, security gate to span the south entrance of the employee only parking lot (immediately west of the old 34th District Court Building) for the new 34th District Court Building located at 11129 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI. The gate must be electronic and accessible through a card reader.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.

(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., **Thursday, 9/9/2021**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.

(4) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time **9/9/2021** all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.

(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.

(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(7) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

(8) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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INKSTER - WAYNE - WESTLAND

Night out

The Inkster Police Department celebration of National Night Out earlier this month brought out local residents of all ages to enjoy multiple attractions including a wild animal show from Animal Safari which gave visitors, and police officers, a very close look at a 16-foot-long python, a kangaroo, an alligator and a woodchuck, among others exotic creatures. Inkster police officers and auxiliary officers spent time in a dunk-tank and troopers from the Michigan State Police let visitors take a look at the patrol cars and other equipment. The guests enjoyed a wide array of free food, live music, a video game truck, bounce houses, henna artists and many other attractions in the parking lot at police headquarters. Officers said the event was a huge success and they are hoping for even more participation in the national event next year.

Wayne receives federal funds to upgrade city amphitheater

The City of Wayne was recently awarded more than $550,000 in federal funding for the rehabilitation of the Goudy Park Amphitheater in the city.

Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, D-13th District, recently supported federal funding for both the Goudy Park project and funding for the construction of a Senior Wellness Center in the City of Inkster.

No decision on the Inkster project had been announced at press time.

> *Throughout my time in office I've stayed deeply connected to the residents and communities I serve.*

Also in the new bill is funding for the creation of Wayne-Westland Build Your Future: Pathways To The Workforce proposed program which is designed to address the community need for an integrated career readiness system;

"Throughout my time in office I've stayed deeply connected to the residents and communities I serve. In the wake of recent flooding in our district, I went door-to-door to hear firsthand from my residents about what they needed and what mattered most to them," Tlaib said in a prepared statement.

"What I heard is that residents are concerned about affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization, they want to see investments in education and job training, and they want to live in communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive. I was proud to vote for several appropriations bills that will deliver important resources to our communities.

"Our country needs to invest in people and not broken structures that continue to target communities of color with over-policing and incarceration. I voted against several FY2022 appropriations bills, including the supplemental, that did not prioritize my residents' needs and failed to address the concerns that many of us have about policing at the Capitol and at home, escalating military spending, and support for repressive regimes," the prepared statement concluded.

City zoning update approved

Zoning in Westland is about to get a serious upgrade.

Members of the city council approved a contract Aug. 2, with metro-Detroit based, Wade Trim to conduct a comprehensive rewrite and update of the city zoning ordinance at a cost not to exceed $60,470.

Westland officials said they had identified the need to update the city zoning ordinance and corresponding zoning map in a way that will "promote the vision of the community, modernize our zoning district and be more user friendly. There has been no major update of the city's zoning ordinance since 1997," they said.

Updating the Zoning Ordinance and Map was also recommended under the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program. The RRC recommended that Westland incorporate modern, user-friendly tools such as centralizing development requirements and also creating tables, and providing graphic examples where appropriate.

"In order to support Westland's alignment with RRC Best Practices, the MEDC has committed to reimbursing $30,000 of expenses towards the rewrite project," officials noted in recommending the contract.

"This project is the next step in progressing towards Westland's vision for the future," commented Mayor William R. Wild. "Streamlining and simplifying our framework will promote user-friendliness which will result in a more attractive and constructive guide for potential developers."

The audit and rewrite is expected to launch in September.

Any Westland resident interested in participating on the steering committee for this project, or for more information, can contact the planning department at (734) 467-3219.

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59. Auctions

THE FOLLOWING CARS HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED BY THE INKSTER POLICE DEPT. AND WILL BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION AT BISHOP AUTO WRECKING LLC AT 2780 SPRINGHILL INKSTER, MI 48141 ON FRIDAY AUGUST 27, 2021 AT 10AM.

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2008 FORD
2FAFP71V88X178072
2004 PONTIAC
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BELLEVILLE - NORTHVILLE

Sumpter trustees approve 3 firefighter promotions

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously and enthusiastically supported and approved three promotions in the township fire department during their most recent meeting.

At the recommendation of Fire Chief Rick Brown, Capt. Michael McHenry was promoted to the rank of battalion chief, John Crushman was promoted from battalion chief to deputy chief and Capt. Walt Thompson was promoted to battalion chief.

The trustees each voted "absolutely" or "expeditiously" yes on the promotions. Trustee Don LaPorte noted that these were spots in the department that had been open for some time and that these were "top notch people for sure."

He explained that the promotions were not just assigned as rote, but that each firefighter had invested a "lot of hard work and training hours on the job to earn the new ranks."

"They do a bang up job and even stepped that up, especially during the COVID situation," he said.

Following the vote, Trustee Tim Rush suggested to Brown that the fire fighters watch the meeting vote to witness first hand the enthusiastic support board members had for each of them and the entire fire department.

Township Clerk Esther Hurst was excused from the meeting.

Rethink Your Drink

Van Buren Township program provides free water bottles for residents

The Van Buren Township Water and Sewer Department is giving away refillable water bottles to residents.

The give away is part of the department Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink program and is aimed at celebrating healthy tap water.

"Municipal tap water is constantly tested to maintain safety and quality standards," said Water & Sewer Director James T. Taylor. "With all these standards in place, many residents have stated Van Buren Townships tap water tastes great and smells odorless."

Van Buren Township tap water is routinely tested and an annual water quality report is sent to residents during the summer months in the Van Buren Today magazine," he added.

Township officials cited the environmental impact of plastic water bottles and cited statistics noting that more than 60 million plastic bottles end up in landfills and incinerators every day, with a total of about 22 billion a year. In an effort to reduce water bottle waste, officials said, they were asking residents to Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink and help protect the earth. Despite the predominant belief that most of the plastic packaging can be recycled, 80 percent of the packaging is non-recyclable, they said.

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To jump start the Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink program the Water & Sewer Department has installed two water bottle filling stations in township hall. One is located in the west wing between the supervisor and treasurer's offices and the other is outside the recreation multipurpose room in the parks and recreation department. These stations have a Green Ticker which tracks the number of plastic bottles saved from waste stations.

"We invite you all to stop by township hall to fill up your water bottles in the new fountains," said Public Services Director Matt Best.

With the Tap the Tap: Rethink Your Drink program residents can receive a free 32-ounce refillable water bottle by taking a quick 1-minute survey about the township water supply. Once completed, the free water bottles, first come first served, will be available at township hall from 7:30 a.m until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. There is a limited supply of refillable bottles, so officials urged residents to complete the survey as soon as possible at vanburen-mi.org/tapthetap.

For more information, call (734) 699-8925 or email publicservices@vanburen-mi.org.

Northville Cross Control water inspections are planned

City of Northville Department of Public Works (DPW) officials plan to begin the Cross Connection Control Program for residents this fall using HydroCorp. The program includes conducting residential inspections of exterior water connections to ensure safe drinking water in the community. HydroCorp has been the Northville contractor for commercial and industrial inspections of cross-connections since 2004, officials said.

A cross-connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and a source of contamination or pollution, according to a city report. Water normally flows in one direction, from the public water system through the customer's water plumbing system to a faucet or other plumbing fixtures. Under certain conditions, water can flow in the reverse direction. This is known as backflow and could cause non-potable water to backflow into the residential drinking water, creating a health hazard.

Residential inspections conducted by HydroCorp will examine connections for in-ground irrigation systems, swimming pools, hose bibs, and any other outdoor water connections. The inspection seeks to detect actual and potential cross-connections. A record will be made of each inspection, existing backflow devices/assemblies and corrective action if necessary. Residential inspections are a state requirement, officials explained.

Inspection notices will be mailed to water customers before the scheduled inspection date. There is no fee for the inspection and the homeowner does not have to be present during the inspection. The homeowner, however, will be responsible for the cost of making any needed repairs and follow-up inspection of those repairs, which must be done by a state-approved licensed contractor, according to a city spokesman.

> *Inspection notices will be mailed to water customers before the scheduled inspection date.*

Some examples of where cross connection may exist inside homes are toilet fill valves, extendable shower wands used with a bathtub, water operated sump pumps and water softeners. No inspections will be conducted inside the home but homeowners are encouraged to look at these connections for potential backflow issues.

About 500 initial inspections will be conducted annually.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 2, 2021 for the following:

CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATIONS SUMMER
(NOTE: EACH HOUSE TO BE BID SEPARATELY)

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
September 9, 2021

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, September 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco, John Badeen.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes:
August 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicant, Ryan Busse, homeowner at property address 43711 Leeann, located on the north side of Bannockburn between Leeann and Southampton. Zoning R5. Appealing to install a hot tub/pool in a front yard area in conflict with Section 2.03 E (1) of the Zoning Ordinance front yard setbacks for pool on a corner lot. Parcel ID 037-02-0267-000 (Building)

2. Applicants, Leigh and Ryan Young, homeowners at property address 6109 Gloucester, located on the north side Westminister Way between Sheldon Rd. and Glouscester Dr., Zoning R-5. Appealing to install a fence on a lot line of a corner lot in conflict with Fences, Borders, and Walls Section 78-121 (h) and Section 78-131 (4) (b) fences on corner lots. Parcel ID 71-040-01-0782-000 (Building)

3. Applicants, Scott and Susanne Glover, homeowners at property address 44394 Harsdale, located on the north side of Harsdale between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads. Zoning R-5. Appealing to install a fence on the lot line of a corner lot in conflict with Section 78-129 (h) and Section 78-131 (4) b, fences on corner lots. Parcel # 060-04-0035-000 (Building)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260.
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held on August 10, 2021, the Board of Trustees adopted an amendment to the Zoning Map of the Zoning Ordinance (Article 8.00 of Appendix A - Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton) to rezone a 3.8-acre portion of parcel no. 024-99-0010-000 at 49650 Warren Rd. from RR, Rural Residential to R-1, Single Family Residential, which is an area measuring 330 ft. by 495 ft. in the southeast corner of the subject parcel.

This amendment to the Zoning Map of the Zoning Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of seven (7) days after its publication date. Copies of the amendment may be viewed or obtained at the Canton Township Administration Building, Office of the Township Clerk, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours.

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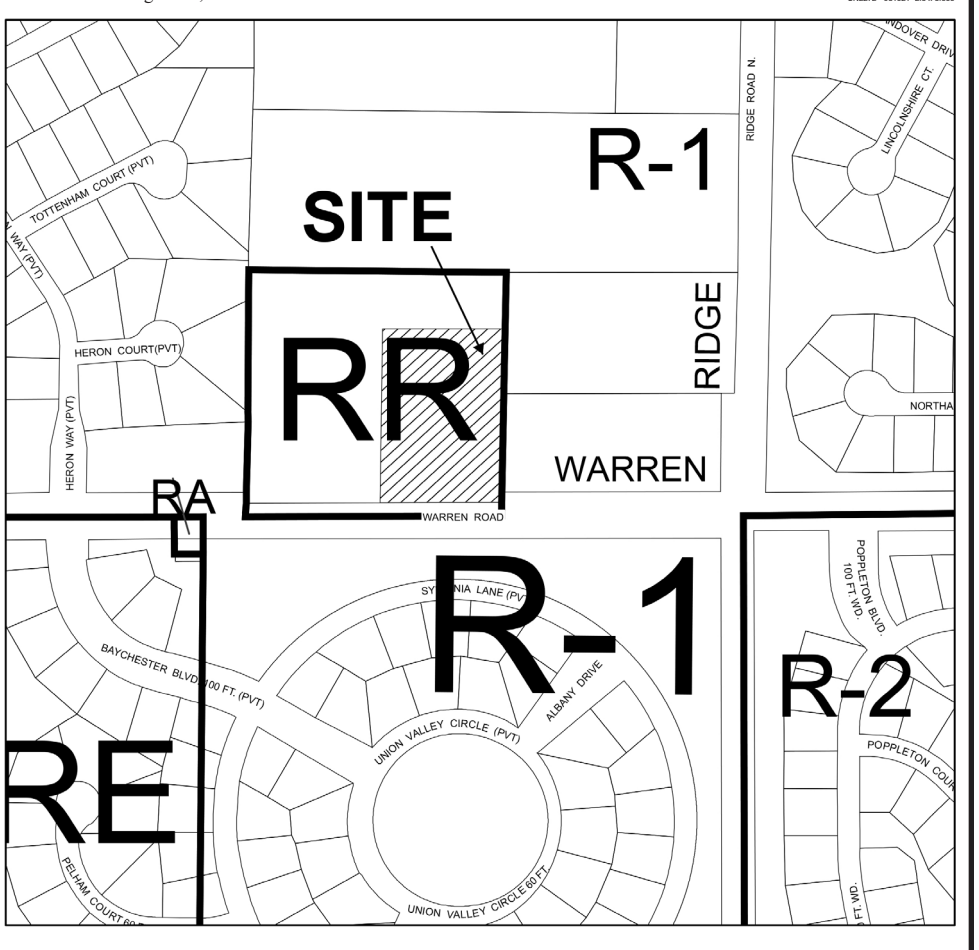

Anderson Rezoning 024-RZ-6682

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RR RURAL RESIDENTIAL	R-5 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	C-3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL	LI-R RESEARCH PARK
RE RURAL ESTATE	R-6 SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED RESIDENTIAL	C-4 INTERCHANGE SERVICE	GI GENERAL INDUSTRIAL
R-1 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	MR MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	O-1 OFFICE	
R-2 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL	RMH MOBILE HOME PARK	MRD MID-RISE DEVELOPEMENT	

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A taste of history

Fall Festival, Rotary Club Chicken Barbeque returning to Plymouth

The Plymouth Fall Festival will return Sept. 10, 11 and 12 this year bringing back many of the traditional events that attract thousands of people to the community each year.

Tickets are already on sale for the famous Plymouth Noon Rotary Club Barbeque Chicken Dinners, a mainstay of the annual event.

This year, the festival and the barbeque will each feature an added concentration on safety and health precautions.

Festival President Eric Joy said that many of the civic booths are planning on including hand sanitizer and the festival committee will have hand sanitizing stations throughout the festival venue.

"We are keeping a very close eye on the Delta Variant," he said. "We want to be sure everyone is safe."

This year, in addition to extra safety precautions, the chicken barbeque will benefit from the wisdom of legendary experience brought by one of the youngest chairman to lead the event.

Brandon Bunt, who joined the Plymouth Rotary Club at 23, is the chairman of the barbeque committee and bears the overall responsibility for the barbeque. In the age of COVID, that required a lot of extra precautions and some changes in the way things are being done, he explained.

"We are really emphasizing all safety and health precautions, even more than usual," Bunt said.

Bunt was sponsored into the club and mentored by Howard Oldford, one of the oldest and longest-serving members of Rotary, who had a very proprietary interest in the barbeque and was there every year, ensuring the success of the event. He was known for his constant analysis of the procedures involved in producing 11,000 chicken dinners in one afternoon.

"I participated in the barbeque, with Howard, since I was in high school. While I only began working my way through the committee six years ago, I have been involved in the barbeque for decades," Bunt said. He recalled that Oldford was constantly striving to improve efficiency of the barbeque operations and would constantly collect data, demanding to know the temperature of the chicken 15 minutes after it left the grill and exactly how long each step in the preparation took.

"He was a legend at the barbeque," Bunt said.

"Howard sponsored me in the club in 2010 and I think I was the youngest Rotarian then," Bunt said. "Howard was my friend and my mentor in so many ways and we developed a life-long friendship," he said. Bunt, under Oldford's mentorship, eventually became the Rotary Club Interact President at Salem High School and also advised Bunt during the start of his first landscaping business while he was still in high school. After graduation, college and marriage, Bunt sold his landscaping business and subsequently began a new career as a founding partner of Trilogy Corp. which handles cleaning and sanitation for large corporations.

"My other mentor was Tim Joy," Bunt said, "the owner of Christensen's, another very successful guy and an active Rotary member."

Bunt doesn't hesitate to credit his business success to his mentors along with his continued dedication to the Rotary Club.

"I often think people may not know all the things funded by Rotary in the community. We award scholarships to college and trade schools and fund so many social and cultural services," he said. The chicken barbeque is the main fundraiser for the club, Bunt said, and the money goes directly back into community services and scholarships.

Each member of the committee works their way progressively through the various posts of responsibility until, after five years, they take on the responsibility for the entire project, overseeing every aspect of the barbeque, which is a momentous task by any measure. The new safety precautions added even more responsibility to the task.

"This year, for safety, we have cut the number of community volunteers from 1,000 to 500. We had to find ways to do things more efficiently to have more safety controls," Bunt said. "We will have the 100 or so Rotary Club volunteers, along with some of their family members, all aware of the safety procedures," he said.

This year, the club hopes to sell all the dinners cooked on the huge charcoal barbeque pits they build Saturday night in the parking lot behind The Gathering. Bunt said the club usually donates a number of dinners to local charities but this year will donate to those civic and social groups in more concrete ways using funds from the sale of the dinners.

This year, for the first time, the dinner boxes will also be sealed, adding another layer of safety, he said.

Bunt and his wife, along with their 2-year-old now live in Milford, but he is still loyal to the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club. The couple is expecting twins, a boy and a girl, two weeks after the barbeque.

"Yes, it's a lot of work," he said, "but the best years of my time in Rotary have been my time on this committee."

This year, the Barbeque Committee includes Bunt; Gary Stolz - director of purchasing; Andy Savage - director of tickets; Eric Kostoff - director of operations; Danny Hyman - director of volunteers; Jason Zarate - director of operations support and Kent Early - past chairman and committee advisor.

Advance sale dinner tickets are available from most Rotary Club members for $12. Tickets the day of the event are priced at $14. Meals include a half chicken, roll and butter, corn on the cob, a cookie and a bottle of water.

This year, members of the Rotary Club barbecue committee include Chairman Brandon Bunt; Gary Stolz, director of purchasing; Andy Savage, director of tickets; Eric Kostoff, director of operations; Danny Hyman, director of volunteers; Jason Zarate, director of operations support and Kent Early, the past chairman and committee advisor.